

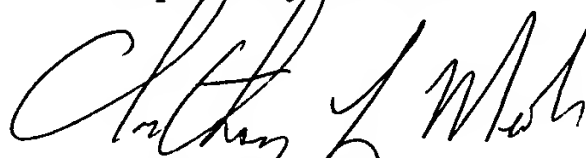
REMARKS

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1, 6, 13 and 22 have been amended and claims 7-12 have been withdrawn. Thus, claims 1-6 and 13-25 are pending with claims 1, 6 and 22 being independent claims. No new matter has been added and support for this amendment is located throughout the specification as filed. It is believed that the above amendment now places the application in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony L. Meola', is written over the typed name below.

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